



SHIRE OF IRWIN
DONGARA-PORT DENISON

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AGENDA FORUM NOTES

Tuesday 17 February 2026



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the Agenda Forum open at 5.00pm and welcomed Councillors, Staff and the Gallery Member.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

Councillor P Summers
Councillor A J Gillam
Councillor I Scott
Councillor S Hansen
Councillor L Berecz
Councillor L Musulin

Staff

Mr S D Ivers	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Connell	Manager Development
Ms F Boksmati	Manager Community Services
Mr M Jones	Manager Operations
Miss P Machaka	Manager Finance
Ms S Mearns	Executive Assistant

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Councillor J Melsom	
Mr M Antony	Community Emergency Services Manager

Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

Gallery

Mr Bruce Baskerville	"Indiaview" Port Denison
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3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question: Mr Bruce Baskerville, Indiaview, Port Denison

With the permission of the Shire President, Mr Baskerville addressed Council in relation to the proposed decommissioning of the Port Denison Shelter Sheds.

Response: *The Shire President advised that the matter would be discussed during the Councillor Discussion Session.*

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a Declaration of Interest were received as listed below:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Disclosure
Cr Gillam	DEV 03-02/65 Belisama Gas Project – Lot M441 Yandanooka West Road, Milo	Financial – Cr Gillam currently negotiating access agreement for potential alternative site.

Items 6 – 9 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

10.1 FINANCE REPORTS
FIN 01-02/26 Accounts for Payment – January 2026

Report Purpose For Council to receive the list of accounts paid under delegated authority during January 2026.

Questions Nil

FIN 02-02/26 Monthly Financial Statements – December 2025

Report Purpose For Council to consider and receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Questions Question: Cr Gillam queried why the actual Non-Operational Revenue was substantially less than the budgeted amount.

Response: The Manager Finance advised that the variance is mainly due to the timing of grant funding receipts. While the grants have been approved and budgeted, the funds had not been received as at 31 December 2025. The income is expected later in the financial year in line with funding schedules. The Manager Finance took the question on notice and will provide Councillors with further information.

NB: Following the meeting, the Manager Finance provided the following information:

Project	Dec 2025 Year to Budget	Dec 2025 Ytd Actual	Variance	Comment
Skate Park Precinct	93,166.00	93,166.00	-	
Rev - Rrg Burma Rd South	286,667.00	0	286,667.00	A portion of this revenue will be recognised in January
Rev - Rrg - Warradong Spring	253,333.00	0	253,333.00	A portion of this revenue will be recognised in January
Foreshore Core Precinct	1,088,664.00	0	1,088,664.00	Works have not yet progressed to warrant recognition of funding
R2R-Burma Road	143,333.00	0	143,333.00	Works have not yet progressed to warrant recognition of funding
R2R - Warradong Springs Road	126,667.00	0	126,667.00	Works have not yet progressed to warrant recognition of funding
Rev - R2R - Ludlow Rd	171,680.00	0	171,680.00	Works have not yet progressed to warrant recognition of funding
R2R - Water Supply Road -Slk 5 - 11Km	163,371.00	0	163,371.00	Funding has not been acquitted/ received yet
Rev - Boat Ramp	119,166.00	0	119,166.00	Funding has not been acquitted/ received yet
Seroja	107,340.00	0	107,340.00	Revenue will be recognised in January
Rev - Mitsui Octv Project Grant	53,332.00	0	53,332.00	Revenue will be recognised in January
	2,606,719.00	93,166.00	2,513,553.00	

FIN 03-02/26 Budget Amendment – February 2026

Report Purpose For Council to approve amendments to the 2025/26 budget as detailed in the attachment.

Questions Nil

10.2	DEVELOPMENT REPORTS
DEV 01-02/26	December 2025 and January 2026 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report
Report Purpose	For Council to receive the December 2025 and January 2026 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report.
Questions	Nil
DEV 02-02/26	Shire of Irwin draft Local Planning Scheme No. 6
Report Purpose	For Council to adopt the draft Local Planning Scheme No. 6 and forward it to the Environmental Protection Authority for its assessment and the Western Australian Planning Commission for its approval to advertise the scheme.
Questions	<p>Question: Cr Gillam queried whether the rural tourism limit of three chalets could be varied.</p> <p>Response: The Manager Development advised that the limit is intended to ensure rural tourism developments remain low-impact and consistent with the rural character of the zone. Increasing the number may intensify the use and undermine the locality's rural amenity.</p> <p>Question: Cr Gillam queried the classification of a waste disposal facility.</p> <p>Response The Manager Development advised that the Scheme classification primarily relates to private land use and does not prevent the Shire from establishing a public waste facility. While the Scheme does not intend to facilitate private waste disposal operations within the district, a Shire-led relocation of the transfer station would typically proceed through State approval processes, particularly where unallocated Crown land is involved. Accordingly, the draft Scheme would not prohibit the Shire from progressing its intended relocation.</p>
<i>Having declared a Financial Interest in the following item, Cr Gillam left the Chambers at 5.23pm.</i>	
DEV 03-02/26	Belisama Gas Project – Lot M441 Yandanooka West Road, Milo
Report Purpose	For Council to provide comment and recommend conditions to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) on the significant development application for the Belisama Gas Project on Lot M441 (No. 1906) Yandanooka West Road, Milo which is located within the Shire of Mingenew.
Question	Question: With the permission of the Shire President, Mr Baskerville addressed Council and referred to the previously proposed State Heritage listing of the 'stock route' encompassing Yandanooka West Road, noting that the listing had been rejected by the Minister. Mr Baskerville queried the implications of the proposal on the stock route.

Response: The Manager Development advised that the ultimate land tenure requirements for the road reserve would be determined through the State assessment process. Should the full reserve not be required for the development, there may be opportunity for the 'stock route' to be retained in some capacity; however, this remains a matter for the State Government to determine.

Cr Gillam returned to the Chambers at 5.29pm.

10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

10.4 OPERATIONS REPORTS

Nil

10.5 OFFICE OF THE CEO REPORTS

Nil

10.6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

Items 11 – 14 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the Agenda Forum at 5.30pm.